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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 30, 2003, and with respect to the above identified application.

The Examiner has restricted claims 1- 10 and 17- 21 (Group 1), drawn to a product such as a piston assembly, a sleeve for use with a piston assembly and a method for manufacturing a sleeve. Claims 11- 16 (Group II), drawn to a method of assembling a prepackaged piston assembly into an engine.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims of Group I and Group II are distinct because of their different classification and capability of separate manufacture and sale.

The Examiner has further stated that if Group I is elected by the applicant an additional restriction is set forth as follows. Claims 1- 10 (Group I), drawn to a combination piston assembly having a preestablished configuration, classified in Class 206, subclass 319 and others. Claims 17- 21 (Group II), drawn to a sub-combination of a sleeve, classified in

Class 150, subclass unknown. The Examiner stated "Inventions I and II are related as combination and sub-combination."

The Applicants elect claims 1- 10, (Group I of Group I), with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

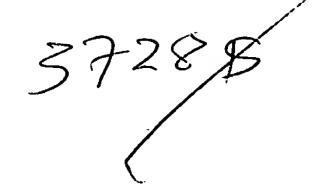
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